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# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

It has been a hard couple of weeks for the kura, working through the process of dealing with the recent incidents that have occurred. As well as referring the matter to the police, the students involved were required to attend a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Trustees, which was the last step in the process.

Please be assured that the safety of everyone is our number one priority and students are safe to be at school.

Our Kapa Haka Roopu are up and running preparing for Te Tai Tokerau Festival in April. Currently about 40 students are practising weekly with weekend practices planned. Okaihau College will be the hosts for this year's festival.

This week has been busy with a fencing course over two days, as well as a First Aid course for a number of students taking place today. As part of our assembly on Tuesday, we presented badges to the 2024 Student Leaders and more certificates for students achieving endorsements for NCEA.

Also this week, a former student, Anna Bayliss, was at school to speak to students about studying at university. She is due to graduate from AUT with a Bachelor of Communication.

Next week, there are a number of activities and trips that are taking place. These include the Moving On Day for Year 13 students, the annual Waipoua Trip for Year 9 students, and the Police Academy Trip to Motukawanui Hutt.

The calendar for the remainder of the term continues to be busy. On the 19th March Dargaville High School is hosting a meeting between principals and student leaders from

Otamatea High School, Rodney College and Ruawai College. This is a great opportunity for the student leaders to work collaboratively across the schools.

Before the end of the term, we have the Peer Support Camp. On Wednesday the 27th March, Year 9 students will be at Adrenaline Park participating in activities such as raft building and paddle boarding, along with other pursuits led by the Year 13 Peer Support Leaders.

Other upcoming events include the North Island Secondary Schools Volleyball competition, and we are finalising a date for the school athletics.

Attendance and uniform remain important focuses for the school. I am pleased to say that the uniform is looking tidy at present and attendance is currently tracking ahead of previous years.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki



**Congratulations to the senior students who achieved Merit and Excellence endorsements in their NCEA Certificates last year !**



# Senior Art Trip

Level 2 and 3 students went to Auckland Zoo, Auckland Museum, and the Winter Gardens to provide inspiration for their assessment.

They were encouraged to sketch items that were of interest.

We really do have some talented artists!



# Level 1 Art Trip

Level 1 Art students experienced local culture and history whilst visiting the Dargaville Museum.

Thank you, Dargaville Museum, for hosting us!



## Year 9 Waipoua Science Trip

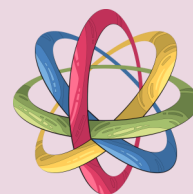
Wednesday 13th March

Permission slips need to be handed in as soon as possible.  
There is no cost but parents can donate towards transport if they tick the box on the permission slip.

**This trip is a compulsory part of the science programme.**

There are no other classes running for Year 9s on that day.

Great day to experience real Science in the natural environment, working with real Scientists, DOC and Iwi.



# Trustee Treasures

The Board of Trustees believes that parent involvement with their children's education and learning has a very positive impact.

We understand a lot of parents do not know how to help their children with their education, and we want to encourage you to become increasingly involved in home learning activities which then means you have the opportunity to teach, to be models for, and to guide your children.

It is well-documented that families whose children are doing well in school have an established family routine.  
Examples: Providing time and a quiet place to study, assigning responsibility for household chores, being firm about bedtime, and having dinner together.

## Buddy Camp 2024

Year 13—26-28th March

Year 9—27th March

Permission slips have now been sent home with students. If your child has not brought one home, you can collect another form from the school office.

These need to be returned to school by the 15th of March.



## Mentor Drivers Required:

DHS is seeking people to volunteer as MENTOR DRIVERS to assist our students' progress with their driving licences. Having a Driving Licence is a huge issue in employability and is even more important for youth in rural and isolated areas. DHS will provide the vehicle and some basic training, with the goal of developing a group of mentor drivers.

Ideally, we would like you to commit to a regular time of two to four hours per week to provide driving practice time for our students. You will also need to undergo a Police Vet procedure since you are working with children.

Please contact Ms Chiaroni at DHS for more information or to offer your help.



DHS staff members took part in the Netball tournament at Sportville on Saturday.

They had a great time and, luckily, no inju-

# Diary Dates

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| Monday 11th March       | Tutamoe<br>Tokatoka Walk<br>Year 9 Option Change                            |
| Tuesday 12th March      | Moving On Year 13s  |
| Wednesday 13th<br>March | Police Academy Trip<br>(Motukawanui Hutt)<br>Year 9 Waipoua<br>Science Trip |
| Thursday 14th March     | Police Academy Trip<br>(Motukawanui Hutt)                                   |
| Friday 15th March       | Police Academy Trip<br>(Motukawanui Hutt)                                   |
| Tuesday 19th March      | Head Leaders Hui<br>Board of Trustees<br>Meeting                            |
| Wednesday 20th<br>March | NISS Volleyball<br>Year 13 Peer<br>Support                                  |
| Thursday 21st March     | NISS Volleyball<br>Tutamoe Tokatoka Walk                                    |
| Friday 22nd March       | NISS Volleyball   |

# Dean Report

**Matt McCahon—Year 10 Dean**

2024 has started off great with our Year 10 cohort. First of all, I would like to congratulate those who participated in our Swimming Sports. It was an awesome day that went off without a hitch.

I would also like to say a massive Ka Pai to every Year 10 as our uniform has been near perfect since the start of school. The start of 2024 has been very positive for our year group so we want to keep this going.

Keep coming to school with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. If we can keep Improving, we will be in for a fantastic year.

Please remember that we are a 'no phones' school so please help and keep these at home.

Up the Wahs !

## NEED HOME INTERNET?

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Te Ha Oranga is working with EDOS to sort it out for you.

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